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THIS WEEK

NEWS

Backing out

The Union County Board of Freeholders is expected to vote tonight on whether to pull out of a multi-million dollar joint capital project with New York City since only New York stands to profit. The half-completed rail link is off Staten Island, with rebuilt tracks that would connect with a rail line in Elizabeth. See Page B1.

Routing plan

A codifying advisory board is jumping on the ocean routing bandwagon for Newark International Airport. The Aircraft Noise Advisory Board passed a resolution Monday that supports ocean routing for planes leaving Newark International Airport. See Page B1.

THE ARTS

Family time

It's family time once again at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. See Page B3.



Much recognition

This county resident's talent has piqued her much recognition for her first three plays. Her latest effort has been touring colleges in Union and Essex counties. See Page B3.

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Saturday: Showers and humid. 86.
Sunday: Partly cloudy. 84.

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Leaps and bounds



David Gipek of Mountainside enjoys one of the last days of summer freedom by cooling off in the borough's swimming pool. Photo by Bob G. Kunkler

Proposed UEZ rankles officials

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A sales tax rate of 3 percent exists between Springfield and Union Township pending State Senator Louis Bisano's Urban Enterprise Zone legislation. However, Union has proposed changing the UEZ population criterion to consider towns between 50,000 and 51,000 population. Should the Legislature approve the change, Union Township, at 50,023, would then be able to set up an enterprise zone along its stretch of Springfield Avenue. The sales tax rate within that zone would be halved to 2 percent.

That 3 percent tax rate is a red flag to Springfield Mayor By Mullman, who feels the proximity of the proposed zone will draw commerce away from Springfield. Township officials talked about the Union UEZ at the Aug. 11 Township Committee meeting and before the Springfield Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 13, said Mullman. "We're losing small businesses left and right. The Springfield Avenue zone would draw more customers and business away from Morris Avenue."

Springfield, with 14,000 residents, has business districts on Morris and Mountain avenues, Commerce Road and along Route 22. Mullman and the chamber have been working on banners for these areas as well as a charge card program and other projects to improve the township's business climate.

Elizabeth and Hillsdale, meanwhile, have already received state approval to create their own UEZ. The state provides each zone with an economic incentive package to

lower unemployment and stimulate commerce. The package offers additional police officers and payoffs, breaks on particular environmental restrictions and offers the entire area a 3 percent sales tax.

"Elizabeth was one of the charter UEZ members, which were limited to cities of more than 100,000 residents in 1987. Hillsdale created its zone in 1996 after legislation created an over-20,000 population category. A town's population is compared to its unemployment rate, a multiplier and index, to a number 10,000 population. Jones Street in Morris Avenue is comparable to that of Union's proposed zone," Mullman is concerned about the sales tax disparity.

"The proposed zone would run from the Morris road border to our own," said Mullman, with Maplewood, Lincoln-Mercury and Home Depot near the end. Although the zone is largely made up of small and minority businesses, the 3 percent can add up in the hands of more and the dealer, all included.

"There has been some talk about the zone by members," said Springfield Chamber President Rob Keavitt. "If it was a smaller business which needed the 3 percent to survive, I would be concerned."

Keavitt, who also owns Kay's Hardware on Morris Avenue, said his business is a different scale than Home Depot and has not been affected.

"I don't think the sales tax would affect our business," said Dell on the Green owner Jeanne McFall. "I can see people going over to buy big ticket items, but not to save a percent on a sandwich."

Regionalization issues still present after breakup

By Sean Daily
Staff Writer

A year and a half after regionalization, three area high school athletic organizations' facility problems have little money to do the job. Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield has had trouble with the athletic facilities on campus, while Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark and Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights have experienced woes related to building maintenance. All three schools were part of the former Union County Regional High School District, which dissolved on July 1, 1997.

According to Donald Mirarchio, the last superintendent of the regional school district, the regional school board adopted a "zero" maintenance policy "going back five years. This was supposed to make the amount paid for the athletic facilities to the district negligible."

This policy meant cutting costs wherever possible. According to Gary

Friedland, Springfield's superintendent of schools, this meant putting money more into educational programs than maintenance and capital expenditures.

"It wasn't surprising if you weren't handling over buildings in Epic and Span conditions," said Mirarchio. Friedland added that the Springfield Board of Education wrote in the regional school board and Mirarchio's report making "many" of Jonathan Dayton High School but the regional school board was not obligated to make any repairs.

In the case of Clark, the regional school board's "zero" commitment translated in some extreme problems at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

"I was in charge of the building for the last 10 to 15 years," said Superintendent Paul Orsini. "Who was mending the leaks? We saw things that were absolutely insane. These 'insane' things included bare wires in the boiler room, flood-

ing in the electrical room, bad roof ventilators that had not been repaired since at least 1993, spoiled food left in the cafeteria and ceilings that drip water every time it rains.

According to Orsini, the building superintendent to be roof, heating, ventilation, plumbing, lighting and electricity. Even the football field and sidewalk outside need repairs.

Clark Board of Education has set aside \$841,000 this year for repairs at the high school, which is over 40 years old. It has already spent \$400,000 just to keep it going right now," said Orsini. This includes \$50,000 in repairs to the roof, which is cracked and soft and less water puddle up in places.

School employees have also reported smelling natural gas in the building for 10 to 15 years, said Orsini. A gas leak closed the building temporarily soon after the start of the last school year.

Jitney bus serv delayed one mo

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Township officials say the Springfield railroad jitney is essentially on track — but is taking longer than expected to start service.

Springfield Township Committee Roy Hirschfeld and Greg Clarke cited various logistical and administrative details for the anticipated delay. The first runs, originally set for Labor Day, have been postponed into October.

"New Jersey Transit said they will have buses for us by Sept. 30, which is 'Labor Day,'" said Hirschfeld during the committee's workshop session Monday. "I think we'll get one that fast but we have to prepare as if we will."

That preparation, said Hirschfeld, includes dozens of details to be settled with NJ Transit ranging from defining the jitney administrator's job description to finding a place for jitney riders to stand at the Short Hills station.

Springfield is not the only area awaiting through bus service. Berkeley Heights, Chatham, East Orange, West Orange and Maplewood are also developing jitney services at stations along NJ Transit's Morris and Essex Line.

NJ Transit awarded each of the six towns \$50,000 in operating grants, as well as a jitney to help ease parking shortages on the commuter rail line.

The towns had to prove sufficient need and rider demand to qualify. The feeder bus program is moving along well," said NJ Transit spokesman Nancy Coleman. "We've held transforming workshops in June and

the towns are talking about it. The buses are on order and some services should be starting about fall."

"One of the problems NJ Transit has in developing these services," said Clarke, "is that they're basing it off the Maplewood model. Our problem is that we're a unique case."

The Maplewood jitney has collected commuters over "prepaid" tickets for the township's station for three years. Maplewood sought NJ Transit grant money when their grant source, a California environmental company, experienced a lack of funds.

Springfield has not had direct passenger rail service in decades, however, and its commuters have left non-resident parking areas, crutches at Summit and Millburn stations.

While Springfield and NJ Transit fight on details, the township minutes appear to be taking on these features:

"The bus will be a shuttle from the Duffy's Corner park and ride to the Short Hills station. Duffy's Corner, at Morris Avenue and Caldwell Place, was chosen for its parking availability and central location. Short Hills was chosen as it is the nearest station."

The shuttle will run weekdays, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every 10 minutes. This is to maximize train connections and avoid jamming the bus through various parts of town.

"City commuters have been on the short end of the parking stick for too long," said Hirschfeld. "We now offer a choice between paying \$8 a day in Summit or \$10 a year with us. This bus program is going to work."

Schneider resigns from school board

By Craig Garretson
Staff Writer

Linda Schneider, a member of the Mountainside Board of Education for 18 years, announced her resignation during Tuesday night's meeting at Deerfield School.

Also announced at the meeting were the district's 1997-98 Quality Assurance Report, re-nominations to Deerfield School, and the appointment of new teachers for the upcoming school year.

Schneider, who is moving to Washington in October, announced that her resignation from the board would be effective as of Aug. 26.

"I am very proud of Mountainside and I will always be benefited of its excellence and dedication," she said following her resignation. "I leave the board in very good hands."

Board President Patricia Tauscher said Schneider's "experience and guidance" had been very helpful during her tenure as board president.

"Few board members in the state of New Jersey have the ethics and experience of Linda Schneider," said board member Richard Kress.

Tauscher said the board will solicit candidates from the community at large to replace Schneider for the remainder of her term, which expires in April 1999.

United States citizens with at least one year of residency in Mountainside who are interested in the position can apply in writing to George Kallanos, business administrator and board secretary, by Sept. 10.

Garaf Schaller, chief school administrator for the Mountainside School District, reports that the district's 1997-98 school year to complete will be the state's "mastery" and "reporting" program.

Revisions were completed during the summer at Deerfield School, including roof repairs, a reinforced gymnasium floor, and renovation of the Industrial Arts room. Also discussed were plans for replacing the partitioning wall in the school gymnasium with an electronically operated wall, which would require the addition of insulation to the gymnasium ceiling of an electronically operated wall.

The board voted to add several new teachers to the Deerfield School faculty for the 1998-99 school year: Arthur Vespiariano, vocal/instrumental music; Diane Webb, mathematics; Megan Schwinger, first grade; and Susan Miller, computer education. Camilliane Meier was added as a Learning Disability Teacher in Counseling.

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put in a new roof for its track and field program.

These repairs cost \$15 million. Luckily, the Berkeley Heights school board had been planning for deterioration and set aside \$2.1 million for capital expenditures this year.

Jonathan Dayton High School is probably the oldest building in the old regional high school district — 65 years young, said Friedland.

"The maintenance at the high school has been good and there are several improvements that we've made over the past year at the high school," he said.

These include new ceilings, lighting and heating and new fire alarm and telephone systems.

The athletic facilities on the other hand, were in shambles.

These facilities, including the tennis courts, were closed by the closing of the high school district. The high school field, on all three levels, the Union County parks system.

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Fair will oppose drunk driving

On Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Chrysler-Dodge Driving Simulator will come to Springfield during the Business Against Drunk Driving Fair. The simulator will allow students and members of the public to drive a car that simulates the alcohol reactions based on visual blood alcohol levels. The Chrysler Simulator and other interesting activities will take place at Jonathan Dayton High School on Mountain Avenue in Springfield.

This exciting event is open to all Springfield residents. It will be held rain or shine. There will be no admission fees.

Some of the featured attractions include demonstrations of the Jaws of Life by the Springfield Fire Department and Auto Accident Rescues by the Springfield First Aid Squad. Members of the Union County Sheriff's Department will be doing finger

printing and the Springfield Rotary Club will be taking pictures for a photo album. Program McGriff of the Crime Div will also make a special appearance.

Numerous amusements and security booths are planned for the younger children. Booths are being sponsored by local businesses, civic organizations and PTA's. The first 500 people to visit the Voc all booth will receive a 20-minute prepaid phone card and Springfield live-entertainment will be selling variety of refreshments.

The October Simulator was developed to allow safety drivers to experience first-hand the dangers of drinking and driving. The car is driven under the supervision of a trained instructor on a safe, controlled course. Since it was started back in 1988, more than 100,000 people have participated and approximately 2.5 million have been exposed to the program.

Republicans plan dinner

The Dinner-Dance Committee of the Mountainside Republican Club has announced that plans are progressing for the event to honor Senator President Donald R. Francis on his unprecedented fourth election as President of the New Jersey State Senate.

Dona Olsky and Martin Hart are co-chairmen of the year-long celebration for 2004 at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights. Tickets will not be sold, but reservations must be made due to limited seating. Admission of \$65 per person includes a cocktail reception, buffet dinner and open bar during the evening. To place a reservation, contact Dona Olsky at (908) 212-2914.

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Walk scheduled at reservation

The Princeton Area Walkers, an affiliate of American Walkers Association, has scheduled a walk at the Wachung Reservoir in Mountainside on Friday at 8:30 p.m. This is a 10-kilometer trail which is a good workout on natural surfaces. Hiking boots and walking sticks are recommended.

The walk is free and anyone may participate. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pets are permitted if they are kept on a leash. This is a non-competitive event and will be held regardless of weather conditions.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To give your community events the publicity they deserve, mail your schedule to P.O. Box 3189, Union, NJ 07083.

Sunday

- The Trailside Nature and Science Center will hold Sunday planetarium show. The program begins at 2 p.m. and is called "Summer Celestial Nights." The show will feature finding the summer triangle, Hercules, Scorpius and other prominent summer constellations. Any special current sky events will also be added to the show. Admission will be \$3 per person; \$2.55 for seniors, and the show is not for children under six years of age. The Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For more information, call (908) 789-3600.
- The first meeting of the Mountainside Senior Citizens Club will be held in the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House. The meeting will be a welcome-back social with refreshments served beginning at 7 a.m. Any questions or for an application to join the seniors, call Gladys Greer, membership coordinator, at (973) 232-5010.
- The Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at St. John's, 587 Springfield Ave. in Summit, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The drive is open to the public and will be conducted by New Jersey Blood Services. Donors will need to bring ID with a picture or signature and know their Social Security number.
- The second annual Fall Market at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fee is \$60 for tables and two chairs for both days and \$90 for two tables and four chairs for both days. The entire school will be utilized due to the overwhelming response last year. Tables will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Any questions, or for an application, call Anne at (973) 376-5612 or Janet at (973) 612-0392.
- The second annual Winter Craft Fair at the Springfield Emanuel United Methodist Church will be held indoors from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors are wanted, and spaces are \$25, which includes a table and chair. Call Tom at (908) 587-0779. Either at (908) 376-4968 or the church at (973) 376-1695 to reserve early.
- The program scheduled for the Senior Citizens Club of Mountainside will include Dan Kalem, CHIME coordinator, who will discuss new developments in the Medicare Program. The seniors meet in the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside Fridays at noon.
- The James Caldwell High School PTA, 36 Caldwell Place, will hold its annual Fall Festival with proceeds going directly towards building a new playground at the school. There will be rides, retired-Bearie Babies games, food, a tin can auction, and activities for the whole family. For more information, contact Gen at (973) 564-5928.

Oct. 21

- The Springfield Chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a bus trip to Princeton. The trip will include a guided tour of the governor's mansion, lunch at the Nassau Inn and a guided tour of the art museum at Princeton University. The all-inclusive price is \$53, and all proceeds will be donated to Youth Aliyah to be used in the Children's Villages that are helping to integrate the young and new arrivals to Israel. Checks can be made payable to Springfield Chapter of Hadassah. For reservations, call Pearl Kaplan at (973) 376-3171.

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Nov. 21

- The Springfield Free Public Library will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day.
- The Springfield Senior Citizens will begin an Exercise Class on Sept. 14 which will run every Monday.

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NJDOT pitches in on roadways

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

A mystery in the form of two NJ Department of Transportation trucks appeared on Springfield's Morris Avenue-Burclow and Tripp. The vehicles — a dump truck and a fireman's pickup — appeared between rush-hours under the Interstate 78 overpass, while a four-person crew blocked the right-hand lane with cones and a clearing arrow sign and cut some of the underbrush.

After a day's work on eastbound Morris Avenue and another on the westbound side, the NJDOT units disappeared — presumably to their regional quarters in Rutherford.

The heavy crew's appearance would not normally be looked upon as unusual. Morris Avenue is also State Route 82 at the Rte 78 overpass and NJDOT is responsible for maintaining both highways. It was their first clearing there in years, however, and some residents wondered if it was connected to the nearby Railway River desilting project.

"I took back from vacation Thursday and I see these DOT workers at the overpass," said Greg Clarke to fellow Township Committee members. "Does anyone know if they're related to the desilting job?"

"They did some clearing but they didn't get to the roots," said nearby resident Charles Jacques. "The thing is that the dredging work at the river is a mile away.

The Township Committee and some citizens have been asking NJDOT for some time to clean up the Morris Avenue underpass. Some public officials had used the overgrown condition as a point for a state mandate-state pay policy.

The part of Route 78 which crosses over the Railway River, meanwhile, has been getting attention the last few weeks. The right lane of southbound Springfield Avenue and the Exit 49B ramp to Union have been closed at various times. Contractors working for NJDOT needed fire escapes while a front end loader was placed to remove accumulated silt.

The desilting project is part of an effort to reduce the Railway River's tendency to flood nearby roads and homes of Springfield, Union and Millburn. Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-Union, has made the desilting a priority on NJDOT's job list.

Talked with an official in one of NJDOT's regional offices, said Weingarten (Chief of Staff Jo Goetzdörfer, Abraham). He said the Morris Avenue brush clearance is part of their annual routine maintenance. Desilting work meanwhile had the delay on Aug. 17. The front end loader was digging silt in a large traffic island when it got caught on by a flash flood. A Springfield fire engine crew, who was called in at about 10:11 a.m., spent an hour raising the loader from five feet of water.

Council addresses affordable housing

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Committee registered a protest vote regarding an amendment to the housing element and fair-share plan Tuesday night.

The full committee voted unanimously to follow 16 units on the Burclow Stone Affordable Housing Zone as part of the amendment. This change is based on Superior Court Judge John J. Pisansky's recommendation for a density of 12 housing units compacted per acre.

The measure followed a final public hearing on the amendment. There was no comment, however, from either the committee or from the public.

"We would much rather have density of 10 units per acre," said Councilmember Roy Hunsicker. "Otherwise," Bruce Bergs, suggested that we can do along with 17 units per acre and take a later appeal.

"Simply put, if we would give 12 units per acre, we can approach the judge about lowering it," said Bergs. "If we would go for 16 units per acre and the judge rules for 17, however, we would not have room for appeal."

Pisansky has the power to approve, modify or reject Springfield's zoning master plan. That plan, which the Committee passed Dec. 25, 1997, includes the Town of Affordable Housing Zones to meet its 153 housing unit obligation.

The Affordable Housing Zones are overlaid on 10 specific sites. One of those sites is the Burclow Stone property, which lies along Route 22 West near South Springfield Avenue. The Borough's fairly has not indicated their intention for the tract.

The amendment also changes three other site allocations. The Carter Bell site, by Briant Park and the Summit Center, is to have 27 units. The old Columbia Lumber yard on Maple Street is have 28 units and a Hillside Avenue lot 24 units.

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Area cadet completes ROTC camp

Joseph M. Christadore of Springfield has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Wash.

At camp, the cadet completed 210 exercises which contain intensive military leadership training and evaluation exercises in communication, management, and survival training.

After successfully having completed advanced camp and graduated from college, the cadet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army National Guard, at Reserve.

Christadore is the son of Joseph and Joy Christadore of 2222 Street, Kenilworth. He is a 1995 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

The cadets are normally between their third and fourth year of college when they attend camp. The cadet currently is a student at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

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Scott Seidel receives a plaque from Springfield Mayor Sy Mullen in honor of his 25 years of service to the township.

Seidel recognized for years of service

The Springfield Township Committee formally recognized Scott Seidel for 25 years of service to the township with the Office of Emergency Management. Seidel serves as deputy emergency management coordinator for the township.

Emergency Management Coordinator John Cottage said, "Scott showed up in 1973 when we had been kicked out of our old offices in the basement of Town Hall. He asked if we needed help, and he's here."

Emergency Management is the township department charged with coordinating emergency services and disaster planning. This department also administers a 26-person auxiliary police unit and 16-member communications staff.

Seidel joined the unit in 1973 as a radio operator and then became radio officer in charge of communications and finally deputy coordinator in 1979. The position he holds today.

Seidel said, "I always enjoyed radio and electronics as a hobby, and when I joined Emergency Management, they called 'Civil Defense' in 1973. John assisted me in obtaining my amateur ham radio license. Since then, my wife and children have all obtained their amateur radio licenses and have become Ham radio operators. I have enjoyed working with the township and all of the public service departments as well as our auxiliary police and communications staff members. All of the members of the Township Committee with whom I have worked have been extremely supportive of

Emergency Management. Our volunteers, though, are really the ones who deserve the credit and recognition. They volunteer tirelessly an amount of their time and resources for training purposes and service for the township.

The Seidel family has a long history of service with Civil Defense and Emergency Management in Springfield. Seidel's father, Joseph, served with the Springfield Police Reserve for almost 12 years in the late 1950s to 1960s. The Police Reserve was the predecessor organization of the auxiliary police under the old Civil Defense organization. Seidel's two children, Adam and Alexa, are both former members of the communications staff.

Seidel said, "While I thought we were a three-generation Emergency Management family, in dealing with my wife, Daniel discovered that her grandfather, Charles Wern, served as a special police officer in Springfield in the 1930s."

Although now a completely separate position, years ago, police reserves and special police officers were often the same people. Seidel noted, "We have a wonderfully diverse group of volunteers including accountants, doctors, lawyers, carpenters, plumbers, entertainers, mechanics, salesmen and more. They all bring their assistance and talent to Emergency Management to help serve the town. These wonderful people are the heart of our organization. I look forward to continuing my work with them and Emergency Management."

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Our children, without being aware of it, are depending on each and every one of us to look out for them. And it's our responsibility to do so.

There are many precautions you can take while driving that can ensure a child's safe venture to and from school.

• Whenever there are children in the area, especially in designated school zones where it's the law, drive 25 miles per hour. This will enable you to stop well before endangering the lives of any youth.

• Be aware. Children are not looking out for you, you have to look out for them. It's not unheard of that a child will suddenly dash out into the middle of the street without looking.

• Crossing guards. They are the ones with the orange vests who have the responsibility to ensure that children get across the street safely. Although in some communities these men and women do not have the authority to stop traffic, they use caution at busy intersections and protect our children. Obey the crossing guards.

• When the school buses turn on their flashing yellow and red signals, be prepared to stop at least 25 feet in back of the bus or 25 feet from the front of the bus, depending on which direction you are driving. This is where the most injuries occur.

Residents urged to donate blood

New Jersey Blood Services has declared a blood emergency for the entire metropolitan area, and we urge residents to help alleviate the problem by donating blood at one of the many upcoming blood drives being sponsored by the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Reserves of healthy blood are essential for hospitals in performing many lifesaving procedures, and while most of us do not give much thought to blood banks on a regular basis, we are very glad they are there when an injury occurs and we or a loved one need vital body fluids.

Public blood drives are being held at the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 695 Springfield Avenue, on Monday from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m., and at St. John's from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Sept. 25. In addition, several local corporations are holding drives for employees during regular work hours. We especially urge those with O-Negative blood to donate as this type can be used in an emergency for people with all blood types.

Most healthy people between the ages of 17 and 75 who weigh 110 pounds or more and who have not donated in the last 56 days are eligible to donate blood. Seventeen-year-olds must have written permission from a parent and all donors must bring a form of ID with a photo or a signature and know their Social Security number. For more information, call the Summit Area Chapter of the American Red Cross at (908) 273-2076.

Blood banks are a mainstay of our emergency services and we urge area residents to do their part in maintaining them.

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SCORING HIGH — Jeremy Max takes a break from the water at the Springfield Municipal Pool to play a game of table tennis with friends.

Presidents should be held to high standard

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As I See It By Norman Rauscher Correspondent

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Everywhere has been dimmed by the spectacle of a President who lied. It is now former President Reagan was known as the Teflon president. He can shake anything off. He has been replaced by Clinton as king of the Teflon.

When the American people know the President lied, and Clinton lied, they should not have private lives. This poll is on him and his family, no matter where they go and what they do. And in this case, right inside the White House.

Some in this country may take adultery lightly. And make no mistake, this was a case of adultery—pure and simple. Adults, not teenagers, were involved. It has been against the morality of our country since the beginning of time. Today is no exception. In fact, in Saudi Arabia and Iran, adultery is considered a capital crime. In Saudi Arabia, proven adult adultery results in beheading.

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It all sounds just dandy to get back to work. But the irony of the situation is that the loss of the President, a master politician, that if he had just stepped up during the 1994 election, he could have saved himself that whole experience. The time cost thousands of dollars. It is not likely that Lewinsky will be the hero.

Certainly, it must have been humiliating experience to be forced to answer questions about his sex life. However, there would have been no humiliating experience if he had told the truth seven months ago. Instead, at that time he said "I do not recall the name of the woman." Did he have sex with that woman? Did he have sex with that woman? Did he have sex with that woman?

Even though I have never been a victim of Hillary's behavior, she is the victim of Clinton's lies. She is the victim of Clinton's lies. She is the victim of Clinton's lies.

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Norman Rauscher is a resident of Summit and a frequent columnist for this newspaper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council needs more foresight

The sudden announcement of the imminent collapse of both the Mountaintop Rescue Squad and the Volunteer Fire Department has created a crisis for the community. Not until last week were we informed that we would have a rescue squad as of Sept. 2 and the fire department is unable to operate until the budget is ready.

Work conflicts with volunteering

The Mountaintop Rescue Squad is in trouble trying to find an adequate number of volunteers. Unfortunately, due to the busy life these days that work doesn't allow time for this type of community service as well as community activities, work-related time etc. The Borough Council had to see the emergency residents' demand for volunteers as a sign of emergency during busy work and time commitments in order for the Rescue Squad building was being upgraded.

Community input is needed

Mountaintop residents have just learned that we face a crisis in two vital services — the Rescue Squad and the Fire Department. For lack of volunteers, Mountaintop says, the Rescue Squad will not exist by the beginning of next week and the situation of the Fire Department is not much better. The residents who have had similar problems. Before my appointment, the Mayor and Borough Council were totally clueless. I thought and were surprised for these developments. They didn't even know how bad our predicament was until early August, and only then did they begin to try to capture possible solutions and alternatives. At the public meeting on Aug. 18, they didn't even decide on what temporary emergency steps to take.

No more heroes in Washington

When I was a boy I had of the great precedents in our history — Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln — and this formed in me a deep respect and reverence for our government and the president. When I was in school, our classes visited Washington, D.C. I was inspired to become a hero. I was inspired to become a hero. I was inspired to become a hero.

Michael Krasser Mountaintop Editor-in-Chief

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We're asking What improvements does Morris Ave. need?



Gregory Darga "One thing that can be done is to improve traffic flow, especially in the morning. You have lights that are not coordinated — fast signals with slow ones — and traffic starts to back up."

Mary Green "I'd like to see a variety of use of things like getting rid of driveways. Route 22, for example, things like that."

Carmine Ciricilo "I've lived here for 30 years and worked at Manhattan Dayton High School for 28 years. I can't really think of any improvements I'm satisfied with what Morris Avenue has."

Adrain Angus "How about an enclosed mall? Then I don't have to go to Short Hills, Livingston or Woodbridge."

Frick appointed

Duquesne Corporation announced that area resident Sean Frick has been appointed Sales Representative for the company's Silages and Chemical Catalysts Division.

As sales representative for the division, Frick will be responsible for the sales and support of lured silica, precipitated silica and carbon black in the North Eastern United States. From Maine to Northern Virginia, in this position, he will be handling distributor accounts, as well as certain direct accounts.

Frick earned a B.S. in Finance from Pennsylvania State University in Finance and an M.B.A. from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Sean Frick

Rolling on down



Jesse Roth of Springfield enjoys one of the many recreational activities at the Springfield Municipal Pool.

McLaughlin receives award

Barbara McLaughlin of Mountside, a systems director at Prudential Insurance Group, has received a Prudential Community Champions Shining Star Award for \$1,000 for CNYCART, Inc. Cagle Inc.

The Prudential Community Champions Award Program, administered by the company's Social Initiatives Division, is recognizing the dedication, employee and retirees who excel in volunteer commitment, leadership and service to their communities. The Prudential Foundation is providing \$518,000 in grants to the organizations in which these associates volunteer.

"Associates who volunteer are showing a selfless commitment to the communities where they live and work. We want to recognize and support them," said Mary O'Malley, vice president of Prudential Social Initiatives Division. Prudential is proud to honor these extraordinary people through the Community Champions Award Program.

CNYCART, a 24-hour listening and crisis intervention service, trains and supervises adult volunteers to provide callers in need with guidance and referrals to professional help. McLaughlin spends between eight and 20 hours per month answering calls made to the crisis hotline and assists new volunteers with their first test calls on the hotline.

Prudential Community Champions awards include 31 Golden Star Awards of \$5,000 each, 100 All Star Team Awards of \$5,000 each, 249 Shining Star Awards of \$1,000 each, 4,000 Rising Star Team Awards of \$500 each, 343 Rising Star Awards of \$250 each and eight Ambassador Awards, totaling \$4,750 for complete winners in Korea, Japan, China, Italy and Belgium.

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A son, Ryan Christopher Gabriel, he was born to Greg and Deborah Endrey of West Hartford, Conn. on May 10. The maternal grandparents are John and Marjorie Dorfs of Haverden, Conn. The paternal grandparents are Frank and Effie Gabardis of Springfield.

A first-born, second son named Zachary Joshua Griffin was born June 19 in Overlook Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Griffin of Springfield. He along with his older sister, Mrs. Griffin, the former Jodi Taylor, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Griffin of Hillside. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Griffin of Paramus.

A daughter, Nicole Melaine Feldman Leifer, was born to Jane Feldman and Michael Leifer on July 12 at Overlook Hospital. The maternal grandparents are Max and Suschka Feldman of Woodbridge. The paternal grandparents are Rose and Al Leifer of Springfield. Nicole Melaine is named in the young memory of her maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Feldman and Mrs. Leifer.

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David Brodtkin, 83, of Springfield, formerly of Elizabeth, died Aug. 25 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. ... Born in Philadelphia, Pa. ...

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Born in Demingville, N.J., formerly of Mountaintop, Mr. Alber lived in Mountaintop before moving several years ago to Pennsylvania. ...

Winifred M. Byrne

Winifred M. Byrne, 82, of Springfield, died Aug. 26 in the Greeneville Nursing Home, Knoxville, Tenn. ...

John Parisi Sr.

John Parisi Sr., 82, of Springfield, died Aug. 22 in his home. ...

Hans Alber

Hans Alber, 73, of Pennsylvania, formerly of Mountaintop, died Aug. 16 in Mahlenberg Hospital Center, Bethlehem, Pa. ...

Rose Holtzman

Rose Holtzman, 87, of Summit, died Aug. 24 in the Jewish Home for the Aged, Bridgewater, Conn. ...

Charlotte Kessler

Charlotte Kessler of West Chester, formerly of Springfield and Union, died Aug. 19 in the Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center, West Chester. ...

Dancers in costume



Students at the Turning Pointe Dance Center in Springfield perform 'The Jellie-Ball', a combination of acrobatics and modern dance techniques. ...

Mortimer Lubman

Mortimer Lubman, 90, of Springfield, died in an industrial chemical laboratory and his funeral Aug. 23 in the Manor Care Health Services, Mountaintop. ...

Temple to hold holy services

Services at the Temple of the Holy Spirit, 1000 N. 10th St., will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 at midnight. ...

Assembly bill calls for 'super majority'

Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole have announced an effort to move adoption of a constitutional amendment to require a super majority before New Jersey State laws can be increased. ...

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LOCAL SPORTS
HIGHLIGHTS

Behind the guidance of head coach Dave Gruteschke, the Dayton High School ice hockey team is now preparing its roster for the upcoming 1998-99 season.

Interested candidates may pick up an information request form at any high school. Dayton has been accepted into the New Jersey Scholastic Ice Hockey League and has been placed in the American West Conference.

Other teams in the conference include Newark Academy and Newark East Side. More information may be obtained by writing the Jonathan Dayton Hockey Parents Group, Inc. at 1200-W. Chesnut St., Newark, N.J. 07102.

The New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJIAA) and the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association (NJSCA) has announced the scheduling of a Men's and Women's Volleyball Coaches Clinic to be held Sunday at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen.

The clinic will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration commencing at 8:30.

This clinic is designed to meet the needs of varsity coaches, assistant coaches, and recreational coaches.

NJIT Volleyball coach Dave DeLuve will be one of the clinic speakers. Registration fees range from \$25-\$55 and on-site from \$35-\$65 depending on NJSCA membership status.

More information about the Men's and Women's Volleyball Coaches Clinic may be obtained by calling the NJIAA office in Robbinsville at: 609-259-2376.

SportsSMARTS Fall, Pitcher's and Catcher's Camp will be held Saturdays, Sept. 20 and 27 at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains.

Elizabeth High School head baseball coach Ray Kim will join Paul Redden, and his staff.

The camps are open to youngsters ages 12 and 13.

The year-round program includes:

- Fall Pitching Classes - 1-on-1 private and small group instruction
• Fall Hit Classes - 1-on-1 private hitting clinics
• Fall Prospect Camp
• Satellite Fall Camps, Satellite Summer Camps we bring the camp to your league
• Team Clinics - private instruction for your team
• Coaches Training
• Functional Fitness Training is provided

More information may be obtained by calling Redden at 908-686-6057.

The SportsSMARTS Fall to Pitch, Hit to Hit address is: 1215 Victoria Union, N.J. 07083. Fax: 908-964-1228.

Applicants are now being accepted for candidates wishing to become high school soccer referees in the School and College Officials Association (SCOA) for the 1998 season.

Candidates must be presently fit and a minimum of 18 years of age to referee.

Successful candidates will be eligible to take the NISIAA exam, which will then qualify them to referee high school, varsity, college matches.

Interested candidates may obtain information by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to David R. Klein, 37 Bryants Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003-5401.

Applications for a due by Friday, Sept. 4.

There will be a nice alternative to the U.S. Open for tennis fans in the area - a majorUSTA event will be held at the historic Orange Lawn Tennis Club in Scotch Plains during the second week in September.

The week of Sept. 7-13, the National Championships on both the men's and women's sides in the men's division will take place at Orange Lawn.

We're really looking forward to hosting the event at our club this year," said former Australian star Colin Dibley, the Director of Tennis at Orange Lawn. "I think the people who come out to the club will have a sense of which tennis really good tennis."

Springfield Rec Department tennis players outstanding
Championship performances turned in

The Springfield Recreation Department was represented in the 26th annual New Jersey Town Tennis Tournament held Aug. 19-21 at the Randolph Road Tennis Courts in Plainfield.

Two championship trophies and two finalist trophies were awarded to individual team members as the Springfield team showed its domination in team and individual competition.

Players ages 10-17, from cities and towns throughout the state competed in individual and team play.

Representing the Springfield Township in the Youth Boys and Girls Division were Mariah Caram, Maria Czamy, Cozzer Hamilton, Timothy Homish and Thomas Reversion.

Manny Caram and Kevin Zhu were entries in the Intermediate Boys Division. They were lost Becker, Timmy Lin, Felix Mil, Andrew Korman and Jonathan Zepkin.

In the Advanced Girls Division were Christina Caram, Lillian Fasman and Rachel Mande.

Falling in the first round in the Youth Boys Division were Czamy, Reversion and Hamilton and in the Advanced Boys Division was Zepkin.

Advancing to the second round before falling in the Advanced Girls Division was Fasman.

Reaching the semifinals in the Youth Boys Division was Hamilton in the Intermediate Division. Fasman and Hamilton in the Advanced Division were Mandy.

Josh Becker signed for the championship in the Advanced Boys Division by defeating his teammate Andrew Korman 6-1, 6-1.

Korman defeated his teammate Mandy to advance to the final.

Christina Caram overcame her Plainfield opponent and partner crowd to record a 6-3, 6-4 triumph in winning the Advanced Girls Division competition.

Caram's younger sister Mariah was defeated in the Youth Girls Division final by a 6-1, 6-1 score.

Five-place trophy winners Becker and Christina Caram join a list of previous Springfield champions that includes David Guhermal in 1990 and Lisa Tabak in 1989.

Second-place trophy recipients Korman and Mariah Caram join a list of previous Springfield finalists that includes Mil and Rupal Sehun in 1996, Michael Berliner in 1980 and 1981 and Alan Berliner in 1979.

A Springfield Township Junior Tennis Tournament was held the week of Aug. 10-12 prior to the New Jersey Town Tennis Tournament.

Springfield youngsters turned in outstanding performances.

In the Youth Division final, Homish defeated Hamilton 6-1, 6-3.

Homish advanced in the final by defeating Guerne, Matez 6-6, 6-6 in the semifinals and Michael Saba 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

Hamilton advanced to the final by defeating Daniel Lin 6-3, 6-6 in the semifinals and Czamy 6-6, 6-6 in the quarterfinals.

Lin defeated Michael Saba 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals. In the championship bracket of the Youth Division, Becker, Becker Mil 6-0, 6-1.

Mil advanced to the final by defeating Brey Stern 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals.

Stern defeated Mandy Caram 6-1, 7-5 in the quarterfinals.

Becker was tested by Zed 7-5, 6-2 in the quarterfinals and by Korman 6-1, 6-2 in the semifinals.

Zhu defeated Zepkin 6-0, 6-3 in a first-round match while Korman eliminated Lin 6-3, 5-1 (retired) in the quarterfinals.

In the Girls' Division, Fasman prevented a family final by defeating Mariah Caram 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals. Christina Caram defeated Fasman 6-1, 6-2 in the championship.

The six finalists received trophies donated by the recreation department.

Mariah Caram was selected and awarded the 1998 Most Improved Player trophy by the junior tennis team's coach John Suss.

This marked the 20th consecutive season of upgrading by Suss.

North Jersey Section 2, Group 2 Championship will begin by posting a 430 batting average with seven home runs and 14 RBIs.

A third baseman in the field for Summit.

Recently, a shortstop batted a whopping 536 with 11 doubles, 11 triples, two home runs and 43 RBIs for New Providence last season and his 44 hits were a franchise single-season record.

The powerful infielder is among Summit's leading hitters and has already clubbed two home runs during the fall campaign.

Although he has suffered both losses for Summit (0-1-1), a pitcher and second baseman Ben Woodley has pulled much better than his record would indicate, with his defense having contributed the 18 errors in his two starts.

Summit is composed of players from Scotch Plains, Bergen County, Montclair and New Providence. Summit's regulars include Wheelock, shortstop Luis Lopez, senior baseman Tyler Hunter, left fielder Brian Dunham, center fielder Ka Donaldson and pitcher Scott Crowell.

Mountainside residents include Caragade (pitcher) Mark, a pitcher, and center fielder Jason Gaudreault, while Glenview's John Paris, first base, starting baseman Terence Reilly hail from Berkeley Heights.

Aside from Piccolo, Sime and brother Tim, who handles the coaching duties for Summit, center fielder Peter Paradise is also from New Providence.

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Springfield League makes softball fun
Minieri: Definitely a success

By Joe Raguzino Staff Writer

Jennifer Minieri has played softball since the fifth grade, receiving constant enjoyment from the sport. But one thing that turns her off is a competitive atmosphere that strips away that enjoyment. That was a major reason why she turned down an offer to join a team.

Softball should be fun, and that's what Springfield League is all about. Springfield League is the first-ever Springfield Women's Adult Softball League.

A 1992 Dayton High School graduate, Minieri threw out the idea of creating the league to Springfield Recreation Director Mike Tomasi, who was still Under the auspices of the department, the 21 and over league proved to be a success, attracting more than 100 players.

"It was definitely a success," said Minieri, who played for one of the teams, the Explosion, and served as coordinator of the league. "We didn't think we'd get as many girls as we did. I think a lot of players discovered talents that they didn't know they had. They were pretty appreciative of having a league."

"The goal of the league is to have fun with friends and get some exercise in a non-competitive environment. I wanted it to be a non-competitive league and for the girls to have as much fun as possible."

The league, which commenced July 6 and concluded last Thursday, consisted of six teams each playing 10 games. The teams played against each other twice. Games were held at Chisholm Field each evening from Monday through Friday.

What made the league enjoyable for the players was its party and the fact that friends were allowed to be on the same team, said Minieri, noting that the majority of the participants were in their late 30s or early 40s.

"The teams were pretty evenly matched and they had a lot of fun," she said. "I really wanted to make the league enjoyable so that if you win, no one felt like they were losing, every game is winning every game."

"It's a league in which everybody plays and it's very laid back. Everybody improved and that was the best part. They developed a lot of confidence. With abundant positive coaching from all of our 20 players, the league also didn't have any problems with players feeling from a lack of playing."

"It really worked out, because a lot of players are away for the summer or have to work late," Minieri said, adding the large turnout this season. "Minieri has been actively involved in softball in the community, coaching the Recreation Department's 5th and 6th grade teams, as well as the Glendon (Middle School) team."

One of her tasks is to try to develop young players for the Dayton High School program.

"I really want Springfield to come up in softball," said Minieri, who received a elementary education degree from Kent University. "I really want them to be well."

Judging from the inaugural season, Minieri expects the league to blossom into one of the town's most popular summer activities.

"With the interesting year, I think it's only going to get better," she said. "We're probably going to have more teams. It's very exciting."

More information about registration next season may be obtained by calling the Springfield Recreation Department at 973-912-2226.

Kerry Baker Fall League team starts campaign with 7-2 mark
Squad sparked by Summit, Mountainside residents

By Andrew McGowan Assistant Sports Editor

Picking up where it left off at the end of the Summer 1 season, Summit is opening a splash in the Kerry Baker Fall Baseball League, having begun its second campaign in the league with four wins in six games.

Summit opened the season with a 7-2 defeat against Hunterdon in a game in which it outperformed its opponents, but rebounded nicely to capture its next three games 8-3 over Long Valley, 12-4 over Mount Olive and an amazing 28-1 over Jefferson.

Summit's next defeat, a 1-6 loss against Sparta, will come in the 10th game part of a 10-game schedule after a combination of an uncharacteristic 12 errors on the mound.

Summit came back strong from that setback, though, downing Franklin 10-0 or Sparta 9 behind the strong pitching of Tomaki Sime.

Sime, a New Providence resident who has received credit for all four of Summit's victories this season, has performed as the club's professional prospect heading into his senior season, having already had preliminary discussions with the Philadelphia Phillies and the Colorado Rockies.

With his fourth win on Sunday, Sime completed his 21st year from the Spring League season, when he was 17-3 with a 3.10 ERA and struck out 87 batters in 43 1/3 innings while walking just 13.

A first-team All-County selection last season as a junior, Sime is expected to improve upon his already stellar 1997 record and NISIAA All-Star past season and is a strong candidate for an All-State honor.

Summit features two more 1998 first-team All-County selections in its roster in Mountainside residents Mark Catalano and New Providence native Mike Piccolo.

The youngest member of last season's All-County squad, Catalano, guided Governor Livingston to the

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Sports leagues are offered for women
Competition at local venues

By Andrew McGowan Assistant Sports Editor

The New Jersey Women's Sports Association (NJWSA) is again offering leagues and events for women of all ages this fall, with all venues scheduled to be held locally in Summit and Rahway.

The first local event is an open basketball event for competitive adults, will take place at Oratory Prep High School in Summit on Monday, Sept. 14 to Oct. 26 between the hours of 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

There will be seven sessions and the cost is \$65 per participant. Oratory Prep will also host an over-100 basketball league for recreational adults on Thursdays from Sept. 17 to Oct. 29 also between the hours of 6:30 and 9:30.

There will once again be seven sessions at a cost of \$65 per participant. Rahway River Park in Rahway, meanwhile, will host three events, beginning with flag football play on Saturdays from Sept. 20 to Nov. 1.

Games will take place between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and the cost for all seven sessions is \$45.

Rahway River Park will also host a softball open to all competitive adults on Sundays from Sept. 14 to Oct. 26.

Games will take place between noon and 4 p.m. at a cost of \$35 for seven sessions.

During the same time frame and for the same cost, Rahway River Park will also offer open softball for children.

League and events are also being offered this fall at Sonny Werblin/Rugers, Bayley-Elford High School in Madison, St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills, Lonsdale Park in Morristown and Princeton Meadows.

Sonny Werblin, Bayley-Elford and St. Rose of Lima will host basketball events, Lonsdale Park will host soccer and Princeton Meadows will feature a pool tournament.

For further information, check out venues, or to register, interested parties should first call the NJWSA office at 908-273-9108.

Individuals, full or part-time, are welcome. The NJWSA is a non-profit group with a 17-year history of offering unique, challenging sports experiences for girls and women.

The NJWSA aims at giving females a lifetime of opportunities for personal expression, leadership, camaraderie and physical and emotional fitness.

Tryouts for Summit YMCA Seals nearing
Three days in mid-September

Tryouts for the 1998-99 Summit YMCA Seals swim team will be held at the Summit YMCA this week.

Shows the opening of the local pool has been delayed by the YMCA has offered the Seals the use of its pool for the tryouts.

The open times are as follows: Monday, Sept. 14 Registration for boys and girls 6-and-under will be held at 7:30 p.m. and water tryouts will take place from 8:30 to 9.

Registration for boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 17 will be held at 8:30 and water tryouts will be held from 9:15 to 10.

Tuesday, Sept. 15 Registration for boys and girls ages 9 and 10 will be held at 7:30 p.m. and water tryouts will take place from 8 to 9:15.

Registration for all age group make-ups will be held at 8:30 p.m. and water tryouts will take place from 9:15 to 10.

Wednesday, Sept. 16 Registration for boys and girls ages 11 and 13 will be held at 7:30 p.m. and water tryouts will take place from 8 to 9:15.

Registration for age group make-ups will be held at 8:30 p.m. and water tryouts will be held from 9:15 to 10.

Make-ups are held for those who are unable to attend their scheduled tryouts for any reason or for those who did not make the cut the first time and would like a second chance to return.

More information about the tryouts may be obtained by calling Mark Suss at 908-911-3131 or Eleanor Pater at 273-3139.

HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICE BEGINS Practice begins this week for high school fall sports teams around the state. The first day of the season is Friday, Sept. 21 for most of the fall sports, including football.

Summit Sept. 19 at Parsippany Hills, 1:30 Sept. 26 at Hoboken Park, 1:30 Oct. 2 at Dover, 9:30 Oct. 10 at Madison, 1:30 Oct. 17 at Mount Olive, 1:30 Oct. 24 at West Essex, 1:30 Oct. 31 at Parsippany, 1:30 Nov. 7 at Morris Hills, 2:00 Nov. 14 at NJISAA Quarterfinals, 1:00 Nov. 21 at NJISAA Semifinals, 1:00 Nov. 28 at Westfield, 7:00 Dec. 5 at NJISAA Final, 1:00 North Jersey Section 2, Group 1

Dayton Sept. 18 at Bound Brook, 7:00 Sept. 26 at Marlton, 7:00 Oct. 3 at Roselle Park, 1:30 Oct. 10 at New Providence, 1:00 Oct. 16 at North Plainfield, 7:30 Oct. 24 at Cop. Livingston, 7:00 Oct. 31 at Lincoln, 1:00 Nov. 7 at Roselle, 2:00 Nov. 14 at NJISAA Quarterfinals, 1:00 Nov. 21 at NJISAA Semifinals, 1:00 Nov. 28 at Roselle, 10:30 Dec. 5 at NJISAA Final, 1:00 North Jersey Section 2, Group 1

Governor Livingston Sept. 19 at Newark Central, 1:00 Sept. 26 at Hillside, 1:00 Oct. 3 at Roselle, 1:00 Oct. 10 at Roselle, 1:00 Oct. 17 at Tappan, 1:00 Oct. 24 at Lumberton, 7:30 Nov. 7 at Marlton, 2:00 Nov. 14 at NJISAA Quarterfinals, 1:00 Nov. 21 at NJISAA Semifinals, 1:00 Nov. 28 at New Providence, 2:00 Dec. 5 at NJISAA Final, 1:00 North Jersey Section 2, Group 1

